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RESOLUTION NO. 31-07

BY: **MARY GALINAS, KENNETH A. RAMSER, SEAN P. BRENNAN, THOMAS REGAS**
(By Request - City Engineer)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT FIVE (5) APPLICATIONS WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR GRANT FUNDING FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SRTS), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio through the Ohio Department of Transportation has created the Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) that makes it easier and safer for children to commute to and from school using their own power and is the first of its kind for Ohio; and

WHEREAS, increased traffic on the road and fewer designated areas to walk or bike has caused a downward trend in the number of children traveling to and from school by walking or riding their bicycles; and

WHEREAS, these applications would be the first step to help reverse the downward trend, reduce congestion, and increase safety; and

WHEREAS, 100% funding through the Federal Highway Administration for five locations within the City of Parma would be included should these applications be approved by the Ohio Department of Transportation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the Council of the City of Parma hereby authorizes the Mayor to submit five (5) applications with the Ohio Department of Transportation for grant funding for Safe Route to School (SRTS) for the following locations: (1) Manhattan Avenue sidewalk improvement (W. 83rd to W. 78th Street), (2) Bavaria Road (from Snow to Bremen) and Bremen Avenue (from Pearl to Frankfort) sidewalk improvement, (3) York Road sidewalk improvement (from Johnson to West Sprague), (4) West Sprague Road sidewalk improvement (from Ridge to State), and (5) Development of city-wide Safe Route to School plan.

Section 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit five (5) applications with the Ohio Department of Transportation for grant funding for Safe Routes to School (SRTS), and declaring an emergency

Section 3. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that the deadline for application is April 27, 2007 and time is needed to prepare application and gather necessary data, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____ PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: _____ MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO